(Recognition of Forest Rights) Rules, 2008 have been framed and notified on 01.01.2008 at the national level by the Ministry of Tribal Affaris. The State/Union Territory Governments, therefore, are not to frame the rules under the Act.

(b) The State/Union Territory Governments have to implement the Act. So far no such incident of harrasng the tribals have been reported to the Central Government.

(c) Does not arise. However, the Government of India had issued guidelines to the State/ Union Territory Governments *vide* its letter dated 21.12.2004 for discontinuance of eviction of tribals.

Coal to oil project of Tatas

*376. DR. V. MAITREYAN: Will the PRIME MINSITER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Inter Ministerial Group (IMG) has approved a huge project of Tatas with Sasol of South Africa for coal to oil project;

(b) if so, the total cost of the project;

(c) whether there are similar projects waiting for clearance from Government and if so, the details thereof and the time by when they would be approved;

(d) the estimated quantity of oil that is going to be converted from coal and the cost efficiency of the project; and

(e) by when this project would be commissioned?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA): (a) to (e) Yes, Sir. The Inter Ministerial Group of the Planning Commission has considered the proposal of Tata-Sasol coal to Liquids project and recommended for consideration of Ministry of Coal for allotting coal blocks. The indicated cost of the project is US$ 6 to 8 billion. The Tata-Sasol proposal aims at establishing coal to liquid facility for 3.6 Million Tonne per annum of oil and oil products.

Apart from the above proposal, M/s. Reliance Industries, Essar, Jindal Steel & Power Ltd. and Adani Group have also indicated their interests to pursue Coal to Oil projects. These proposals do not contain details of costing, capacity etc.

The subject of conversion of Coal of Oil is under examination in the Ministry of Coal.

Misleading information under RTI Act

*377. SHRIMATI SYEDA ANWARA TAIMUR:
SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA:

Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether his Ministry had provided misleading information under RTI Act stating that the "purpose of Minister's visit to Panama and Cairo from 4-10 November, 2004 was not known and that the trip was not sponsored by the Department";

(b) if so, whether it was later on, after it had appeared in print media, explained that he had visited Egypt and Panama in 2004 accompanied by senior officials, and held several meetings with canal authorities and Government; and